IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS EL PASO DIVISION

SANDRA CAMACHO,	§	
Plaintiff,	\$ \$	
V.	§ CIV. ACTION NO. 20-cv-	272
AT&T CORP.,	§ §	
Defendant.	§ § JURY TRIAL DEMANDE	E D

DEFENDANT'S NOTICE OF REMOVAL

TO THE CLERK OF THE COURT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on this date, Defendant AT&T Corp. ("AT&T" or "Defendant") files this Notice of Removal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441 and 1446, removing this matter from the District Court of El Paso County, Texas, to the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, El Paso Division. In support of its Notice of Removal, AT&T states as follows:

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

- 1. This action was commenced on September 30, 2020, by the filing of Plaintiff's Original Petition (the "Petition") in the 210th Judicial District Court of El Paso County, Texas, and assigned Cause No. 2020DCV3160 ("State Action").
- 2. In her Petition, Plaintiff Sandra Camacho ("Plaintiff") alleges that AT&T's conduct during Plaintiff's employment resulted in violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101, *et seq.* (the "ADA") and the American with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (the "ADAAA").
- 3. As set forth fully below, AT&T is timely removing the State Action to this Court based on federal question jurisdiction.

II. FEDERAL JURISDICTION IS PROPER

- 4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a), "any civil action brought in a State court of which the district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction, may be removed by the defendant or the defendants, to the district court of the United States for the district and division embracing the place where such action is pending."
- 5. This case satisfies the requirements for federal question jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because Plaintiff has asserted claims under the ADA and ADAAA. Consequently, removal is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441.
- 6. Moreover, AT&T is timely filing this Notice of Removal within thirty (30) days of service of the Petition. 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(1).
- 7. In accordance with the terms of 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), AT&T will promptly serve a copy of this Notice of Removal on counsel for Plaintiff and will file a copy with the Clerk for the 210th Civil District Court Clerk, El Paso County, Texas.
- 8. This Notice of Removal is signed pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 9. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), a copy of all process, pleadings, and orders that have been served on Defendant is attached hereto. (*See* Exhibits 1 through 4).
- 10. Removal to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, El Paso Division, is proper because this district and division includes El Paso County where the Petition is pending. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).
- 11. The following documents are also being electronically filed with this Notice of Removal:
 - a. Civil Cover Sheet (See Exhibit 5); and

b. Supplemental Civil Cover Sheet (See Exhibit 6).

12. By filing this Notice of Removal, AT&T reserves its right to answer the Petition and/or assert any claims, defenses, or other motions as permitted by the Federal Rules of Civil

Procedure.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Defendant AT&T Corp. respectfully requests that this Court accept this Notice of Removal, that further proceedings in the State Court Action be discontinued and that this suit be removed to the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas,

Dated: November 2, 2020

El Paso Division.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Stacey Cho Hernandez

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ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on November 2, 2020, a true and correct copy of this document was served in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on all counsel of record.

/s/ Stacey Cho Hernandez
Stacey Cho Hernandez

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Sandra Camacho vs AT&T Corp.

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PARTY INFORMATION

Defendant AT&T Corp. **Lead Attorneys**

Plaintiff Camacho, Sandra ENRIQUE CHAVEZ, Jr.

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2020DCV3160

SANDRA CAMACHO,

Plaintiff,

V.

CAUSE NO.

AT&T CORP.,

Defendant.

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION AND REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

Plaintiff SANDRA CAMACHO ("Employee Camacho"), files this Original Petition complaining of AT&T CORP. ("Employer AT&T") and respectfully shows as follows:

I. DISCOVERY LEVEL

1. Discovery is intended to be conducted under Level 2 of Rule 190 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

II. PARTIES

- 2. Plaintiff, SANDRA CAMACHO, is an individual residing in El Paso, Texas.
- 3. Defendant, AT&T CORP., is a foreign for-profit corporation whom may be served with process by serving its registered agent, C T Corporation System at 1999 Bryan St., Ste. 900, Dallas, Texas 75201-3136.

III. VENUE

4. Pursuant to Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Section 15.002, venue is proper in El Paso

County, Texas because all or a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to Plaintiff's claims occurred in El Paso, Texas.

IV. CHRONOLOGY OF FACTS

- 5. Employers MUST prevent disability discrimination against employees to protect employees from financial injuries and emotional trauma.
- 6. When not an undue burden, employers MUST provide reasonable accommodation to the known disabilities of employees to protect employees from financial injuries and emotional trauma.

- 7. Employers MUST prevent retaliatory job terminations against employees who file EEOC Charges of Discrimination and engage in protected activity to protect employees from financial injuries and emotional trauma.
- 8. AT&T CORP. is an employer.

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- 9. Employer AT&T is an employer which MUST prevent disability discrimination against employees to protect employees from financial injuries and emotional trauma.
- 10. When not an undue burden, Employer AT&T is an employer which MUST provide reasonable accommodations for disabled employees to protect employees from financial injuries and emotional trauma.
- 11. Employer AT&T is an employer which MUST prevent retaliatory job terminations against employees who file EEOC Charges of Discrimination and engage in protected conduct to protect employees from financial injuries and emotional trauma.
- 12. On March 3, 1997, Employer AT&T hires an employee.
- 13. Nineteen years later in 2016, Employer AT&T is on notice that the Employee has developed chronic pharyngitis and chronic sinusitis which affects the employee's ability to speak.
- 14. On January 1, 2016, Employer AT&T begins an evaluation period that evaluates the performance of its employees from January 1, 2016 until June 30,2016.
- 15. In January of 2016, Employer AT&T is on notice that the employee has taken FMLA leave for the chronic pharyngitis and chronic sinusitis.
- 16. On or about January 11, 2016, Employer AT&T Supervisor, Antonio Alvarez, gives the employee a Letter of Warning for low performance points, even though Employer AT&T is aware that the employee's disability, chronic pharyngitis and chronic sinusitis, affect the employee's ability to perform her job without reasonable accommodation.

- 17. Employer AT&T is then put on notice to provide a reasonable accommodation for the employee, due to the employee's disability, chronic pharyngitis and chronic sinusitis, which affect the employee's ability to perform her job without a reasonable accommodation.
- 18. Employer AT&T refuses to provide reasonable accommodation for the employee.
- 19. Instead, on February 24, 2016, Employer AT&T Supervisor, Antonio Alvarez, gives the employee a Final Letter of Employment Warning for not having met performance goals, despite her previous requests that he disability be accommodated.
- 20. On March 2016, Employer AT&T is on notice that the employee takes medical leave relating to her disability and the harassment she is receiving at the hand of Supervisor Alvarez.
- 21. On April 2016, Employer AT&T is on notice that the employee again takes medical leave relating to her disability and harassment due to her disability.
- 22. On or about April 5, 2016, Employer AT&T is on notice that the employee engages in legally protected activity when the employee files a disability discrimination charge with the EEOC.
- . 23. On April 15, 2016 through May 31, 2016, Employer AT&T is on notice that the employee is on disability leave.
- 24. On June 30, 2016, Employer AT&T ends the evaluation period that evaluates the performance of its employees from January 1, 2016 until June 30, 2016.
- 25. After the evaluation period ends, in July 2016, Employer AT&T is aware that the employee's performance is at a high 113%, during a time when her disabilities are in a lull.
- 26. On July 28, 2016, Employer AT&T terminates the employee's employment for supposedly not having met performance goals during a period when AT&T refused to provide the employee with a reasonable accommodation for her disabilities and had been on medical disability leave.
- 27. The employee whose employment Employer AT&T terminates is Sandra Camacho.

V. CAUSES OF ACTION:

A. Disability Discrimination

28. Plaintiff was discriminated, retaliated against, and fired in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA), which protect disabled employees from discrimination and retaliation.

B. Refusal to Provide a Reasonable Accommodation

29. Defendant committed unlawful acts when it repeatedly refused to provide a reasonable accommodation to Plaintiff's disabilities, and instead penalized Plaintiff for being disabled and for being on leave due to her disability.

VI. NOTICE OF RIGHT TO SUE

30. Attached as Exhibit A is the Notice of Right to Sue from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

VI. NOTICE OF RIGHT TO FILE A CIVIL ACTION

31. Attached as Exhibit A is the Notice of Right to Sue issued by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commissioin.

VII. DAMAGES

32. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's retaliation and conduct against Plaintiff as described above, Plaintiff has suffered harms and losses. Plaintiff's harms and losses include in the past and the future: lost wages and benefits, employment opportunities, lost income; loss of earning capacity; mental anguish; emotional pain and suffering, inconvenience, loss of enjoyment of life, and other non-pecuniary losses.

VIII. JURY TRIAL DEMAND

33. Plaintiff demands a jury trial.

IX. REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE

34. Under Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194, Plaintiff requests that Defendant disclose, within 50 days of the service of this request, the information or material described in Rule 194.2.

X. ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS

35. Plaintiff is entitled to recover reasonable and necessary attorney's fees and costs under the ADA and the ADAAA.

PRAYER

Plaintiff prays that she recover from Defendant monetary relief over \$200,000.00 but not more than \$1,000,000.00, statutory damages under the ADA and ADAAA; general damages; special damages; punitive damages as determined by the jury; reinstatement; prejudgment interest as provided by law; attorney's fees and expert fees; post-judgement interest as provided by law; court costs and all costs of suit; and such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled to, in law and in equity. Such damages sought by Plaintiff are within the jurisdictional limits of the court.

SIGNED on this 30th day of September, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Chavez Law Firm

2101 N. Stanton Street El Paso, Texas 79902 915/351-7772

By:

Enrique Chavez, Jr.

enriquechavezir@chavezlawpc.com

State Bar No.: 24001873 Attorney for Plaintiff EEOC Form 161-B (11/16)

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U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

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Enclosure with EEOC Form 161-B (11/16)

INFORMATION RELATED TO FILING SUIT UNDER THE LAWS ENFORCED BY THE EEOC

(This information relates to filing suit in Federal or State court <u>under Federal law.</u>

If you also plan to sue claiming violations of State law, please be aware that time limits and other provisions of State law may be shorter or more limited than those described below.)

PRIVATE SUIT RIGHTS ---

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA), or the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA):

In order to pursue this matter further, you must file a lawsuit against the respondent(s) named in the charge within 90 days of the date you receive this Notice. Therefore, you should keep a record of this date. Once this 90-day period is over, your right to sue based on the charge referred to in this Notice will be lost. If you intend to consult an attorney, you should do so promptly. Give your attorney a copy of this Notice, and its envelope, and tell him or her the date you received it. Furthermore, in order to avoid any question that you did not act in a timely manner, it is prudent that your suit be filed within 90 days of the date this Notice was mailed to you (as indicated where the Notice is signed) or the date of the postmark, if later.

Your lawsuit may be filed in U.S. District Court or a State court of competent jurisdiction. (Usually, the appropriate State court is the general civil trial court.) Whether you file in Federal or State court is a matter for you to decide after talking to your attorney. Filing this Notice is not enough. You must file a "complaint" that contains a short statement of the facts of your case which shows that you are entitled to relief. Courts often require that a copy of your charge must be attached to the complaint you file in court. If so, you should remove your birth date from the charge. Some courts will not accept your complaint where the charge includes a date of birth. Your suit may include any matter alleged in the charge or, to the extent permitted by court decisions, matters like or related to the matters alleged in the charge. Generally, suits are brought in the State where the alleged unlawful practice occurred, but in some cases can be brought where relevant employment records are kept, where the employment would have been, or where the respondent has its main office. If you have simple questions, you usually can get answers from the office of the clerk of the court where you are bringing suit, but do not expect that office to write your complaint or make legal strategy decisions for you.

PRIVATE SUIT RIGHTS -- Equal Pay Act (EPA):

EPA suits must be filed in court within 2 years (3 years for willful violations) of the alleged EPA underpayment: back pay due for violations that occurred **more than 2 years (3 years)** before you file suit may not be collectible. For example, if you were underpaid under the EPA for work performed from 7/1/08 to 12/1/08, you should file suit before 7/1/10 – not 12/1/10 – in order to recover unpaid wages due for July 2008. This time limit for filing an EPA suit is separate from the 90-day filing period under Title VII, the ADA, GINA or the ADEA referred to above. Therefore, if you also plan to sue under Title VII, the ADA, GINA or the ADEA, in addition to suing on the EPA claim, suit must be filed within 90 days of this Notice and within the 2- or 3-year EPA back pay recovery period.

ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION -- Title VII, the ADA or GINA:

If you cannot afford or have been unable to obtain a lawyer to represent you, the U.S. District Court having jurisdiction in your case may, in limited circumstances, assist you in obtaining a lawyer. Requests for such assistance must be made to the U.S. District Court in the form and manner it requires (you should be prepared to explain in detail your efforts to retain an attorney). Requests should be made well before the end of the 90-day period mentioned above, because such requests do not relieve you of the requirement to bring suit within 90 days.

ATTORNEY REFERRAL AND EEOC ASSISTANCE -- All Statutes:

You may contact the EEOC representative shown on your Notice if you need help in finding a lawyer or if you have any questions about your legal rights, including advice on which U.S. District Court can hear your case. If you need to inspect or obtain a copy of information in EEOC's file on the charge, please request it promptly in writing and provide your charge number (as shown on your Notice). While EEOC destroys charge files after a certain time, all charge files are kept for at least 6 months after our last action on the case. Therefore, if you file suit and want to review the charge file, please make your review request within 6 months of this Notice. (Before filing suit, any request should be made within the next 90 days.)

IF YOU FILE SUIT, PLEASE SEND A COPY OF YOUR COURT COMPLAINT TO THIS OFFICE.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS UNDER THE ADA AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2008 (ADAAA): The ADA was amended, effective January 1, 2009, to broaden the definitions of disability to make it easier for individuals to be covered under the ADA/ADAAA. A disability is still defined as (1) a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities (actual disability); (2) a record of a substantially limiting impairment; or (3) being regarded as having a disability. However, these terms are redefined, and it is easier to be covered under the new law.

If you plan to retain an attorney to assist you with your ADA claim, we recommend that you share this information with your attorney and suggest that he or she consult the amended regulations and appendix, and other ADA related publications, available at http://www.eeoc.gov/laws/types/disability regulations.cfm.

"Actual" disability or a "record of" a disability (note: if you are pursuing a failure to accommodate claim you must meet the standards for either "actual" or "record of" a disability):

- > The limitations from the impairment no longer have to be severe or significant for the impairment to be considered substantially limiting.
- ➤ In addition to activities such as performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, thinking, concentrating, reading, bending, and communicating (more examples at 29 C.F.R. § 1630.2(i)), "major life activities" now include the operation of major bodily functions, such as: functions of the immune system, special sense organs and skin; normal cell growth; and digestive, genitourinary, bowel, bladder, neurological, brain, respiratory, circulatory, cardiovascular, endocrine, hemic, lymphatic, musculoskeletal, and reproductive functions; or the operation of an individual organ within a body system.
- > Only one major life activity need be substantially limited.
- With the exception of ordinary eyeglasses or contact lenses, the beneficial effects of "mitigating measures" (e.g., hearing aid, prosthesis, medication, therapy, behavioral modifications) are not considered in determining if the impairment substantially limits a major life activity.
- An impairment that is "episodic" (e.g., epilepsy, depression, multiple sclerosis) or "in remission" (e.g., cancer) is a disability if it would be substantially limiting when active.
- An impairment may be substantially limiting even though it lasts or is expected to last fewer than six months.

"Regarded as" coverage:

- An individual can meet the definition of disability if an employment action was taken because of an actual or perceived impairment (e.g., refusal to hire, demotion, placement on involuntary leave, termination, exclusion for failure to meet a qualification standard, harassment, or denial of any other term, condition, or privilege of employment).
- > "Regarded as" coverage under the ADAAA no longer requires that an impairment be substantially limiting, or that the employer perceives the impairment to be substantially limiting.
- The employer has a defense against a "regarded as" claim only when the impairment at issue is objectively BOTH transitory (lasting or expected to last six months or less) AND minor.
- A person is not able to bring a failure to accommodate claim if the individual is covered only under the "regarded as" definition of "disability."

Note: Although the amended ADA states that the definition of disability "shall be construed broadly" and "should not demand extensive analysis," some courts require specificity in the complaint explaining how an impairment substantially limits a major life activity or what facts indicate the challenged employment action was because of the impairment. Beyond the initial pleading stage, some courts will require specific evidence to establish disability. For more information, consult the amended regulations and appendix, as well as explanatory publications, available at http://www.eeoc.gov/laws/types/disability regulations.cfm.



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AT&T CORP.
CT CORPORATION SYSTEM
1999 BRYAN ST. STE. 900
DALLAS, TX 75201-3136

THE STATE OF TEXAS

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you, or your attorney, do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

TO: AT&T CORP., who may be served with process by serving its registered agent, CT CORPORATION SYSTEM at 1999 BRYAN ST., STE. 900, DALLAS, TX 75201-3136.

Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the **Plaintiff's Original Petition and Request for Disclosure** at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days after the date of service of this citation before the Honorable **210**th **Judicial District Court,** El Paso County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in El Paso, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Original Petition was filed in said court on the 30th day of September, 2020, by Attorney at Law, ENRIQUE CHAVEZ, JR., 2101 N. STANTON STREET, EL PASO, TX 79902 in this case numbered **2020DCV3160** on the docket of said court, and styled:

VS. AT&T CORP.

The nature of Plaintiff's demand is fully shown by a true and correct copy of the **Plaintiff's Original Petition and Request for Disclosure** accompanying this citation and made a part hereof.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at El Paso, Texas, on this the 7th day of October, 2020.

Attest: NORMA FAVELA BARCELEAU, District Clerk, E

CLERK OF THE COURT

NORMA FAVELA BARCELEAU

District Clerk

El Paso County Courthouse 500 E. San Antonio Ave, RM 103

El Paso, Texas 79901

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Rule 106 (a) (2) the citation shall be served by mailing to the defendant by Certified Mail Return receipt requested, a true copy of the citation.

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October, 2020 at 11:18 AM I mailed to:

AT&T CORP. CT CORPORATION SYSTEM 1999 BRYAN ST. STE. 900

DALLAS, TX 75201-3136

Defendant(s) by registered mail or certified mail with delivery restricted to addressee only, return receipt requested, a true copy of this citation with a copy of the **Plaintiff's Original Petition** and **Request for Disclosure** attached thereto.

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SANDRA CAMACHO,	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
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v.	§	210th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
AT&T CORP.,	§ §	
Defendant.	§ §	EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

ORIGINAL ANSWER

TO THE HONORABLE ALYSSA PEREZ:

Defendant AT&T Corp. ("Defendant") files its Original Answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition filed by Sandra Camacho ("Plaintiff"), and in support thereof respectfully shows as follows:

I. GENERAL DENIAL

Pursuant to Tex. R. Civ. P. 92, Defendant generally denies each and every allegation and claim Plaintiff has asserted in Plaintiff's Original Petition and any amendments or supplements thereto, and demands strict proof thereof by preponderance of the evidence.

II. JURY DEMAND

To the extent that Plaintiff has stated a viable cause of action, Defendant joins Plaintiff in her demand for a jury trial.

III. PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendant requests that all claims against it be dismissed, that Plaintiff take nothing on her claims against Defendant, and all relief requested by Plaintiff be denied.

Dated: November 2, 2020 Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Stacey Cho Hernandez

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ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT, AT&T CORP.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on November 2 2020, a true and correct copy of this document was served in accordance with the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure on all counsel of record.

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Case 3:20-cv-00272 Document 1 Filed 11/02/20 Page 20 of 23 JS 44 (Rev. 10/20) The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.) **EXHIBIT DEFENDANTS** I. (a) PLAINTIFFS SANDRA CAMACHO AT&T CORP. (b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff El Paso, Texas County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Dallas, Texas (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES) (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED. Attorneys (If Known) (c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) Perez, Stacey Hernandez, Ruben Gandia; Carter Arnett Enrique Chavez, Jr., Chavez Law Firm, 2101 N. Stanton PLLC, 8150 N. Central Expwy, Suite 500, Dallas, TX 75206. Street, El Paso, Texas 79902, (915) 351-7772 (214) 550-8188 II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only) III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff (For Diversity Cases Only) and One Box for Defendant) 1 U.S. Government * 3 Federal Question DEF DEF PTF Plaintiff (U.S. Government Not a Party) Citizen of This State \Box 1 Incorporated or Principal Place $\prod 4$ __4 of Business In This State 2 U.S. Government 4 Diversity Citizen of Another State 2 Incorporated and Principal Place (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III) of Business In Another State Defendant Citizen or Subject of a 3 Foreign Nation Foreign Country IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only) Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions. CONTRACT TORTS FORFEITURE/PENALTY BANKRUPTCY **OTHER STATUTES** 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 110 Insurance PERSONAL INJURY PERSONAL INJURY 625 Drug Related Seizure 375 False Claims Act 365 Personal Injury -423 Withdrawal 120 Marine 310 Airplane of Property 21 USC 881 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 315 Airplane Product Product Liability 690 Other 28 USC 157 130 Miller Act 3729(a)) Liability 367 Health Care/ 400 State Reapportionment 140 Negotiable Instrument 320 Assault, Libel & PROPERTY RIGHTS 410 Antitrust 150 Recovery of Overpayment **Pharmaceutical** & Enforcement of Judgmen Personal Injury 430 Banks and Banking Slander 820 Copyrights 330 Federal Employers' 151 Medicare Act Product Liability 830 Patent 450 Commerce Liability 152 Recovery of Defaulted 368 Asbestos Personal 835 Patent - Abbreviated 460 Deportation 340 Marine 470 Racketeer Influenced and Student Loans Injury Product **New Drug Application** (Excludes Veterans) 345 Marine Product Liability 840 Trademark Corrupt Organizations Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY LABOR 880 Defend Trade Secrets 480 Consumer Credit 153 Recovery of Overpayment 350 Motor Vehicle 370 Other Fraud 710 Fair Labor Standards Act of 2016 (15 USC 1681 or 1692) of Veteran's Benefits 485 Telephone Consumer 160 Stockholders' Suits 355 Motor Vehicle 371 Truth in Lending Act 190 Other Contract Product Liability 380 Other Personal 720 Labor/Management SOCIAL SECURITY Protection Act 490 Cable/Sat TV 195 Contract Product Liability 360 Other Personal Property Damage Relations 861 HIA (1395ff) 196 Franchise Injury 385 Property Damage 740 Railway Labor Act 862 Black Lung (923) 850 Securities/Commodities/ 362 Personal Injury -863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) **Product Liability** 751 Family and Medical Exchange 890 Other Statutory Actions Medical Malpractice Leave Act 864 SSID Title XVI CIVIL RIGHTS PRISONER PETITIONS REAL PROPERTY 790 Other Labor Litigation 865 RSI (405(g)) 891 Agricultural Acts 210 Land Condemnation 440 Other Civil Rights Habeas Corpus: 791 Employee Retirement 893 Environmental Matters 220 Foreclosure 441 Voting 463 Alien Detainee Income Security Act FEDERAL TAX SUITS 895 Freedom of Information 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff 442 Employment 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment 510 Motions to Vacate Act 240 Torts to Land 443 Housing/ Sentence or Defendant) 896 Arbitration 245 Tort Product Liability Accommodations 530 General 871 IRS-Third Party 899 Administrative Procedure IMMIGRATION 26 USC 7609 290 All Other Real Property 445 Amer. w/Disabilities 535 Death Penalty Act/Review or Appeal of 462 Naturalization Application **Employment** Other: Agency Decision 446 Amer. w/Disabilities 540 Mandamus & Other 465 Other Immigration 950 Constitutionality of 550 Civil Rights State Statutes Other Actions 555 Prison Condition 448 Education 560 Civil Detainee -Conditions of Confinement V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only) ☐ 6 Multidistrict ☐ 8 Multidistrict 2 Removed from 4 Reinstated or 5 Transferred from \square 3 Original Remanded from State Court Appellate Court Reopened Another District Litigation -Litigation -Proceeding (specify) Transfer Direct File Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101, et seq. (ADA) and the American with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA) VI. CAUSE OF ACTION Brief description of cause: Employment dispute over alleged violations of the ADA and ADAAA by former employer. VII. REQUESTED IN **DEMAND S** CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. 200,000-1,000,000 **COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND: ≭** Yes VIII. RELATED CASE(S) (See instructions): IF ANY JUDGE DOCKET NUMBER SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD DATE 11/2/2020 FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

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